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In Re the Application of:

EGAN et al.

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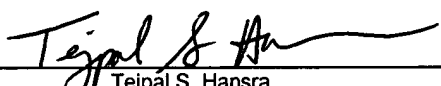
Atty. Docket No.: 3123-355

For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR IDENTIFYING DEFECTIVE
AREAS ON A DISK SURFACE OF
A DISK DRIVE BASED ON
DEFECT DENSITY" (as amended)

Group Art Unit: 2113

Examiner: Duncan, Marc M.

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON THIS <u>7th</u> DAY OF <u>MARCH</u>, 2005.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Tejpal S. Hansra</p>
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated September 7, 2004 (Paper No. 6).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this Reply. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the credit card identified on Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$1020.00 for the three-month extension fee.

Please note that the **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

Please also note that the **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper, while the **Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.

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